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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HONGKONG, 12th November, 1896.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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with communications addressed to the Editor, not
the publication, but as evidence of good faith.
All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.
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already appeared in other papers will be inserted.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10th, 1896.

RESIDENTS of twenty-five years' standing

will readily recall the time when Queen's Road

almost as far as the Cross Roads was occupied

by European houses and stores, the principal

portion of the European business quarter

being westward of the Clock Tower. Gradually

the Chinese moved east and the Euro-

pean business establishments moved east-

ward, until at the present time we find the

latter chiefly occupying the spaces between

the Clock Tower and the Cricket ground. A

further change is now setting in and the

removal of the Club a few months hence

from its present position to its handsome

new edifice on the Praya Reclamation will

mark the commencement of a radical

shifting of the pivot of commercial life

in Hongkong, for round the new Club

all the principal business firms in the

colony will be clustered. This is not

merely idle prophecy but a matter of

fact, the arrangements having been in a

large number of cases already made. At

the extreme east of the Reclamation we

have the new house of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD

and SWIN, already well advanced towards

completion and in the building of which

various features new to Hongkong have

been introduced, to render it proof against

fire, white ants, and all other destructive

agencies. Next to this comes a lot

purchased a month or two ago by the

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency

Co., Limited, on which a building is to

be erected the whole of which has

already been let on long leases. The ad-

joining site to the westward is to be occupied

by the new Telegraph Office, with the building

of which rapid progress is being made. This

lot does not reach quite back to Connaught

Road, and the piece of ground behind it is

the last remaining Government lot, unde-

posed of. We then reach the new Hongkong
Club, with its frontages on the New Praya,
Connaught Road, and the yet unnamed
street to the westward, while a private lane
separates it from the Telegraph Office to the
eastward. This completes the section in
front of the Cricket Ground. To the west of
this the reclamation is deeper, giving two
blocks instead of one between the old and
new praya. Commencing at the east-
ward end of these, those in front of the
City Hall are reserved for the new Gov-
ernment offices, the one between the Old
Praya and the Connaught Road being in-
tended for the Post Office, Treasury, etc.,
and the other, between Connaught Road
and the New Praya, for the Law Courts
and Land Office. On the opposite side of
Wardley Street are the two lots belonging
to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which
are to be reserved for tennis courts, but the
Board has decided that it would be inexpedient
to have buildings erected between the present
Bank and the water frontage; but whether
it will be possible to adhere to that deter-
mination with the land worth \$8 a foot re-
mains to be seen; with the other changes in progress
the chances are that in course of time
the Bank will have to consider the ex-
penditure of itself moving forward, as its
present entrance from Queen's Road will
be away from the chief business thorough-
fare. Between the Bank's lots and the
House Street are the two immense blocks
belonging to the Hon. C. P. CHATELAIN,
on each of which four piles of offices are to
be erected, making eight in all. The
occupation of the whole of the floors in
seven of these buildings has already been
contracted for on leases of from five to
twenty-one years, and on the remaining
corner lot a temporary building has been
erected for the accommodation of the Japan
Specie Bank during the two years that will
elapse before its permanent offices on one of
the other blocks will be ready for occupa-
tion. With the next section of the Recla-
mation, that to the westward of the House
Street, some delay is unfortunately being
experienced owing to the continued settling
of the foundation of the stone wall, and
until firm bottom is reached and the settling
ceases the construction of the wall cannot,
according to the present ideas of those in
authority, be proceeded with. Two years
hence is the earliest time at which it is con-
sidered all likely that building operations
can be commenced upon the ground to be
reclaimed and it may be much longer, but
notwithstanding these some losses have al-
ready been concluded for the buildings to
be erected and negotiations are in progress
for others.

With the Reclamation in front of the central
part of the town little progress has as yet
been made, but at Seiyungpoo and Shek-
tongtsai (West Point) a long stretch has
been completed, a large proportion of which
has been built over for some time and on
the remainder godowns and Chinese houses
are being erected as rapidly as the ground
becomes available, and in several instances
the marine holdovers have entered into
special bonds with the Government in order
to obtain speedy possession of their lots.
The activity in building is pressing on the
labour supply, and bricklayers who formerly
earned twenty cents a day can now com-
mand twenty-seven cents.

While the business quarters are thus
extending over the Reclamation, an
almost equally noticeable change is
taking place in the residential distribu-
tion of the population. The well-to-
do Chinese have for some time past been
developing a taste for European and semi-
European houses, and the movement has
been increasing in strength year by year,
until now the European residents about the
Caine Road district are beginning to feel
the pressure rather uncomfortable and are
casting about for houses in other directions,
but at present there are few eligible houses
vacant. To meet this demand the Land
Investment Co. and other capitalists are
erecting a number of houses on Kennedy,
MacDonnell, and Deven Roads, which bid fair
to become, after the Park, the chief Euro-
pean residential district in the colony; this
situation rendering it especially convenient
in respect of the change taking place in
the European business quarter.

Pedder's Street and old Pedder's Wharf
may be taken as practically marking the
extreme eastern limit of the extension
of the Chinese business quarter;
east of that will probably be exclusively
European, except that the section of
Queen's Road Central from Pedder's Street
to the House Street may possibly be
extensively occupied by Chinese shops, the
European stores moving forward on to the
Old Praya. But for all practical purposes the
Reclamation east of the House Street will
be the European quarter, and from that the
residential district now being developed in
the neighbourhood of Union Church and
above it can be reached without passing
through any portion of the Chinese town,
while the distance is short and the tramway
affords easy conveyance for the hill part of
the journey. The European community
will therefore naturally look for their
residences in that direction and the terrace
above the centre of the town will be
abandoned more and more to Chinese occupa-
tion.

There is also another prospective develop-
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which reference should be made. We refer to the low level tramway. When
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tinued prosperity of the colony.

The N. P. chartered steamer *Macdonald*
arrived at Tientsin on the 7th inst.

Yesterday the dead body of a Chinaman was
picked up in the harbour near the Market wharf.

The P. & O. steamer *Borneo* left Singapore
for this port yesterday morning at 8 a.m.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of China* left
Yanagawa for Hongkong on the 8th inst.

Floods in Japan caused by heavy rain have
again interrupted railway communication with
Kobe.

The N. G. I. steamer *Leitha* left Bombay
on the 8th inst. and may be expected here
on or about the 23rd inst.

There will be an Association Football match
this afternoon between the Football Club and
the 13th Company, R.A. Kick-off at four
o'clock.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Yamashiro Maru*, from
Manila, arrived at this port, left Thursday last
for the port on the 8th inst. and is expected to
arrive here on the 14th inst.

A Haves telegram in the Tokio papers,
dated Paris, 2nd December, reads:—In the
Philippines the rebels, although beaten in their
engagements with the Spanish regulars, are
every day extending the area of their operations.

The *Times*, with the outward French mail,
which left Saigon at five o'clock on Saturday
afternoon, had not arrived last night, the strong
monsoon being no doubt the cause of her delay.

The M. M. steamer *Dordogne* arrived from the
south in the morning and was at first mistaken
for the mail steamer.

The Donghai coal mine, in which a Hong-
kong syndicate was interested some years ago
but which had to be abandoned because the Gov-
ernment would not allow the concession, is again
being considered, in a notice published in the
press, the syndicate to take place at the Secretary
General, Hanoi, on the 14th April next.

The *Nagasaki Express* of the 2nd December
says:—The British cruiser *Immerdale* left
Hongkong yesterday afternoon for a short run
to Port Hamilton. She will probably return
on Monday or Tuesday next. On her return
she will be accompanied by the *Immerdale*, a
cruiser of the same class, which did not take the
22nd December, as it was expected she would.

We saw yesterday a new device applied
to a mountain chair, namely, a folding
hood in substitution of the usual "top".
The hood is like a miniature carriage or
"rickshaw" hood, and is supported by a
framework of iron. It can be raised or
lowered in a moment and struck up as being
much less cumbersome than the old-fashioned
"top". We hope the inventor, a Hong-
kong official, will excuse our taking the
liberty of describing, for the benefit of the
chair-using public, his ingenious device.

We have received from Messrs. Watkins &
Co. a sample of Schlitz beer, with glasses to
drink it from, and a letter to serve it on,
and a letter to keep the drinker straight as
regards the price, and for the good reason
that a very fine beverage, brewed and bottled
by the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company at
Milwaukee. The business was established in
1846 by the late Mr. Joseph Schlitz and in 1874
he was succeeded by his son, Mr. John Schlitz.
The management is now in the hands of his
son, Mr. John Schlitz, who is a native of the
city and where it will no doubt achieve the
popularity its merits deserve.

The writer of "By the way" in the *Japan*
Times says:—"It is a curious coincidence that
during the inquiry into the circumstances at-
tending the death of Mr. C. G. Mollison, the
doctor who assisted at the post-mortem in the
Maybrick case. He states that the
symptoms in the two cases, as described by
the medical man, were almost identical, as
were the circumstances attending the death of
each. There is nothing new to report with regard
to the case. I believe the date of the trial
has been fixed, but it would take a long time
to discover that date. The position of the
juror in a murder trial is not one which men
over, and it is not unlikely that if the date
of the trial is fixed, the jury will be a
body of men who would find they had
important engagements elsewhere."

Unfortunately two women and a child were
burnt to death at the fire which broke out at
18, New Street, on Tuesday night. After the
flames were extinguished a thorough search was
made of the premises, and on the ground floor
Detective Superintendent Corcoran found one
woman and a child, both of whom were dead,
and on the first floor Inspector Withall found
across the chest remains of a second woman,
whose name was given as Mrs. M. M. M.
A packet containing over \$40 in cash. Both
women, it appears, had been safely got out of
the burning house, but they returned in order
to retrieve their property, and the child, who
had been rescued, was found dead. The fire
was caused by a gas lamp which had been
left burning, and it was not until a great
deal of time had been lost in putting out the
fire that the bodies were found.

Another fire occurred at Shanghai on the
10th December, of which the *Mercury* gives the
following account:—Just as the Customs office
struck two this morning the fire alarm rang
for a blaze, situated in an alleyway off the
Hanan Road, near the Yangtze River. The
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS")
LONDON, 7th December.

THE VENEZUELA QUESTION.

Venezuela has accepted the agreement made
between the United States and Great Britain
to submit the dispute to arbitration.
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO
CONGRESS.
President Cleveland in his message to Con-
gress, strongly urges the granting of a genuine
autonomy to Cuba, which would be the present
ruler of the island. He says that the United States
have been always ready to mediate, and hints
that they might eventually have to intervene if
Spain prove powerless to restore order in the
island. He cannot believe that the present
sombre prospect in Turkey can be long per-
mitted to offend the sight of Christendom.
With regard to the tariff, he merely defends the
one now existing.

SUPREME COURT.

8th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BERNARD MRS. T. SHERIDAN SMITH (ACTING
PROSECUTOR).

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 str., 2,544, Seckler, Nov. 30.

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 str., 1,302, Koepeke, Nov. 10.
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 nstr., 2,000, Schipper, Dec. 9.
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an, Brit. str., 6,000, Leo, Dec. 1,
h str., 1,425, R. L. Blight, H.,
teambout Co., for Canton
steamar, 395, Sunder, Nov. 28,
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str., 2,643, Griseogoni, Dec. 9,

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steamer, 319, June 16, A. R.
ah str., 636, Batturist, Dec. 8,
apraik & Co.
h str., 2,235, Dick, Batterfield &
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ritish str., 1,054, W. E. Clarke.
M. Steamboat Co., for Macao

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h str., 896, Pennofather, Nov. 13;
n str., 1,344, H., O., & M. Steam-
for Canton
inese str., 1,505, Lincoln, Dec. 9
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h str., 1,088, Harris, Dec. 9.

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 an str., 3,118, Sapner, Dec. 6,
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 an str., 1,107, Ahrens, Nov. 23,
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 sh str., 1775, Galsworth, Dec. 4,

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 h steamer, 675, Cobban, Dec. 6.
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 SAILING VESSELS.
 Amr. ship, 1,347, Curtis, Sept. 2,

British ship, 2312, Vaustrone, Nov.
Schiffeld, Amr. bark, 931, Hardy,
Order
British bark, 460, Lamont, Mar. 1,
& Co
British ship, 1308, Johnstone, Nov. 21,
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Siau bark, 798, Ferrotta, July 31,

Brit. bark, 1839. Williams, Nov. 29.
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Amr. bark, 1,067. Macaulder, Nov.
Gold, Karberg & Co
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